

## STORM VICTIMS MAY EXCEED 100

Fourteen Lives Lost in Galveston and 500 Homes Crushed

## 10 SOLDIERS PERISH

San Antonio Hears 500 Bodies Were Washed Ashore Near Houston—Disasters Elsewhere.

San Antonio, Tex., August 19—

The total number of lives lost in Texas and at sea along the Texas coast as a result of the tropical storm may reach 400.

Galveston, Texas, (by courier to Houston), Aug. 19—Fourteen lives were lost in Galveston during the terrific storm which swept the city Monday and Tuesday. Four of the dead were United States soldiers.

Storm-swept and battered, the city has begun to take stock of damage and plain rehabilitation. Five hundred houses have been crushed and the entire island on which the city stands is covered with debris. The protection of the seawall built after the first Galveston disaster is believed to have accounted for the small loss of life.

The 5 lost their lives in an attempt to reach the Tremont Hotel during the height of the storm. Several thousand persons were quartered in that hotel.

One thousand feet of the sea wall has been washed out, one breach of 25 feet being directly in front of the Galvez Hotel. It was through this break that most of the resident section of the city was flooded. Three fires raged Monday night and the fire loss has been great. Three bath houses and 400 residence on the bay front were crushed and the wreckage is floating in the bay. The water made a clean sweep along the boulevard.

The storm reached its height at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning when its velocity was 92 miles an hour.

Martial law has been declared. The Mayor today issued a statement that outside aid would not be needed.

The camp at Fort Crockett has been wiped out, but no loss of life there is reported. All animals belonging to the army were drowned. There is considerable suffering. The water system, lighting system, gas and street car system are out of commission. There is no drinking water in the city.

Temple, Texas, Aug. 19—Seven persons were drowned at Hitchcock, Texas, a small town just north of Galveston. The water is standing three feet over the railroad tracks at Hitchcock and the entire vicinity is a vast inland sea.

Houston, Texas, by Courier to Bremond, Texas, Aug. 19—Two persons dead and property damage estimated at \$200,000,000 was the toll of the terrific hurricane which swept this city early Tuesday morning and which cut off all wire communication with the outside world.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 19—A special to the Dallas Times-Herald from Houston says 25 to 30 lives have been lost at Virginia Point, 18 at Texas City, including 12 United States soldiers, seven at La Porte, three at Lynchburg and three at Houston. There was no communication with Galveston.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 19—Damage, which will run into millions of dollars, has been done to the cotton crop in Texas by the storms. Reports from towns in Central Texas say that cotton open in the bolls has blown out of the bolls and beaten into the ground by the heavy rains which accompanied it.

It is estimated that 50 per cent. of all the cotton in this section was open and that from one-fourth to one-half of the open cotton was lost. On this calculation, the damage will be from 15 to 25 per cent. of the entire cotton crop of Central Texas.

## STORY OF THE LYNCHING

Frank Made No Direct Reply to Question of His Guilt or Innocence

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 19—"Mr. Frank, we are now going to do what the law said to do—hang you by the neck until you are dead. Do you want to make any statement?" "This question it is learned on reliable authority was put to Leo M. Frank by the leader of the men who lynched him, as he stood under the tree on Marietta's outskirts. "No," Frank was said to have replied.

"We want to know," the leader is then quoted as having asked, "whether you are guilty or innocent of killing Mary Phagan." Frank, it is stated, did not at first reply. There was a pause, at the end of which it is said the mob leader repeated his question.

"I think," Frank is declared to have answered at last, "more of my wife and mother than I do of my own life." Nothing more, it is asserted, was said, and Frank was hanged.

It was denied that the doomed man was ill treated on his way from Milledgeville to Marietta. On the other hand, it was said he was made as comfortable as possible. The journey was said to have been made in almost complete silence so far as Frank was concerned.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19—Mrs. J. W. Coleman, mother of Mary Phagan, said yesterday:

"It's all over now, I'm perfectly satisfied with the manner in which it ended."

So far as it is known now—and so far as ever may be known very likely—these things are facts in the last act of the tragedy of the Frank case. There were motorcars seen approaching Freis Gin in the morning light Tuesday.

Leo M. Frank was seen by at least one man not in the mob, walking to his death between two of his captors clad as he was found later, hanging from the tree.

The exact time of the hanging was 7:05 o'clock—well after sunrise, and just an hour before the news reached Marietta. The lateness of the hour prevented hanging him in the public square. It was never intended to hang him near Mary Phagan's grave.

Leo M. Frank did not confess. He did not make any particular statement, but he tried to write to his wife.

It was rumored the band had made the journey to Milledgeville twice before the fateful venture, but that daylight had caught them on their way because of losing their way.

It is whispered, too, that the members of the "mob" were men of standing and good reputation in the community; keen business men; responsible men—that they planned the raid with all the acumen of surety and executed it with all the intelligence and daring of trained soldiers. And that, too, was a cold fact—the manner of the execution of the project.

## GOLDEN ROD LAWN FETE.

Will Be For The Benefit of The Children's Playgrounds

A goldenrod lawn fete will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 207 South Washington street from 8 to 10 p. m. for the benefit of the children's playground. One of the attractions will be sylvan dances by Miss Nellie Dickerson, classic dancer, and Miss Flora Kail, rhythmic dancer, both of Washington. Tickets can be had from any of the committee which entitle the holder to ice cream and cake. Children can purchase ice cream cones, etc., no entrance fee being asked. The playground committee have done a great deal for the pleasure of the children during the hot weather and they wish to thank all those who have aided this good work. The appropriation of \$100 from the City Council was most gratefully received and appreciated. It is hoped all who feel kindly toward this work will come and those who cannot do so will, at least buy a ticket. Tickets 15c including ice cream and cake.

Frederick Edward Nelson, aged fifty-three years, was found dead in a bed at his home in Newport News with a gas pipe in his mouth and a revolver by his side Tuesday afternoon. The dead man left no word of explanation of his act.

## WILL REVIEW ARMOUR CASE

Court of Appeals Grants Writ of Error in Action of Company

## ATTACK THE NEW LAW

Claim Right to Deduct for Products Manufactured by Them Outside of The State of Virginia.

Richmond, Aug. 19—The case of Armour & Co., meat packers, against the Commonwealth of Virginia, C. Lee Moore, State Auditor, and commissioners of the revenue in different Virginia cities, involving the right of that concern to do business in the State without paying a State merchants' license tax in each city, is to be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Action was brought by Armour & Co. in the Circuit Court of the city of Richmond to establish the plaintiff concern's claim to partial immunity from assessment for merchant's license taxes. The court rendered a decree in favor of the meat packers July 30, 1915.

While the company indicated its readiness to take out merchants' licenses based on its purchase, it claimed the right to deduct for merchandise manufactured by itself in other States. The law allows resident manufacturers to make such deductions in the case of products they manufacture.

The contention of Armour & Co. was that section 46 of the tax bill, as amended, operated to discriminate in favor of resident manufacturers and to impose upon non-resident manufacturers a burden of taxation which was not imposed upon resident manufacturers. It was further held that section 44 was in conflict with the interstate commerce laws and therefore unconstitutional and void. These contentions being upheld by the court, a permanent injunction was issued which prohibited assessment and collection of the merchants' license tax.

In the appeal for a writ of error and supersedeas, which were awarded the Commonwealth yesterday, it was set forth that the decree perpetuating the injunction is erroneous because section 44 as amended, when rightly construed, is not a violation of the commerce clause of the Federal Constitution.

## MORE LYNCHING

Men Accused of Poisoning Mules and Well and Burning Farm

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 19—"Kid" Jackson and Henry Russell, colored, were lynched at Hope Hull, 10 miles from here, early yesterday morning by a masked mob. Another colored man, whose name has not been learned, was rescued, but he died at a local hospital later.

The men were charged with poisoning mules on the Dr. McLain plantation several months ago.

The mob proceeded quietly. They went to the men's homes, bound and gagged them, riddled their bodies with bullets and threw them into a ditch.

They had been tenants on the Dr. McLain farm until this year, when they were replaced by white tenants. Chagrined at this action, they began a crusade of arson and poison, but the leaders were arrested after poisoning several mules and a well and burning a barn, and have been in jail here awaiting trial.

On Tuesday they were released on bonds and returned to the farm. This action, it is believed, infuriated the white farmers.

Bainbridge, Ga., Aug. 19—John Riggins, 63 years old, colored, who had been in the Amsterdam community only a few days, was lynched by a posse of farmers here late yesterday. He was accused of assaulting the wife of a tobacco planter. The woman positively identified him as her assailant.

## LINER ARABIC SUNK

Passengers and Crew Saved by a Steamship

London August 19, 4:57 p. m.—It was reported this afternoon that the White Star liner Arabic had been sunk.

The Arabic is reported to have gone down off Fastnet, a small island four miles southwest of Cape Clear, Ireland.

The passengers and crew of the Arabic are reported to have been saved.

The Press Association, which makes the definite announcement that the Arabic was sunk, also says her passengers and crew were saved by a steamship.

The Arabic is reported to have gone to the bottom in eleven minutes.

## WOMAN MUST FACE DEATH

Mrs. Ida Bell Warren and S. P. Christy Will Be Executed

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 19—Mrs. Ida Bell Warren and her former sweetheart, S. P. Christy, must face death in the electric chair next month for the murder of the woman's husband. The murder, which occurred just a year ago yesterday was long concealed. Last April the body of Warren was found in Muddy Creek. His wife in a confession implicated Christy, who had returned to Texas. A counter-confession by Christy implicated Mrs. Warren in the plot to do away with her husband.

Mrs. Warren made a final attempt to clear her skirts of the murder when she took the witness stand in her own behalf. She testified that G. J. Warren, her husband, had been killed in a fight with Christy at the boarding house which she was running last August. She denied having any part in the murder. Young and prepossessing, she faced the court fearlessly.

Ida Bell Warren, 43, met Christy at Grand Sabine, Tex., where they lived as man and wife until Warren came along. Warren and she eloped to Winston-Salem and were married. She was conducting a boarding-house when Christy appeared in Winston-Salem a year ago last July. He stayed in town a month. On the night of August 18 the husband found Christy with his wife, and a fight ensued, according to her story.

## GREECE WANTS HER PRICE

Wants Predominate Place Among Balkan Allies

London, Aug. 19—Greece is willing to throw her military strength in the scales for the allies, but her price will be high, according to dispatches reaching here from authentic sources in Athens. The policy of the new Greek cabinet looks to a union of all the Greek populated territories of Southeastern Europe, it is stated and this will be possible, it is believed, only through a war with Turkey.

To this end, British correspondents in Athens learn, M. Venizelos is willing to make some of the concessions demanded by Bulgaria through the quadruple entente, but only with the understanding that Greece will retain a predominant position among the Balkan States.

Greece if she listens to the allies' representations, will set upon her service a price far greater than she might have before the reverses suffered by Russia at the hands of the Austro-German army. Her theory is that her arms are in greater demand now than previously and that payment should be commensurate to the changed conditions.

Some embarrassment is occasioned to the allies by the fact that Italy's entrance into the war has made it harder to satisfy the Greek aspirations. The occupation by Italian troops of the island in the Aegean Sea, nominally Turkish, but claimed by Greece, has led to jealousy between the two nations and the situation has been further complicated by Greek expansion in southern Albania, which Italy looks upon as poaching on her private preserves.

Italy, according to dispatches from Rome, shortly will sever diplomatic relations with Turkey. A cabinet council will be held soon in connection with the question of relations with Turkey, and a rupture is considered inevitable.

## MANGLED UNDER TROLLEY TRAIN

Party of Four Caught on Crossing While Bells Are Silent

## KILLS FOUR PERSONS

Women on Train Faint at Frightful Sight—Gruesome Work of Removing Bodies.

Norristown, Pa., Aug. 19—Four

were killed and another seriously injured on Delkath pike and Yost road, about four miles north of Norristown, at 7:25 o'clock yesterday evening when an Allentown double-header limited express on the Lehigh Valley Transit Company line crashed into the touring car of Frank Murphy, occupied by himself, his wife, two sisters and a cousin. The four killed were Frank Murphy, aged 27; Blanche Murphy, aged 32; Clara Murphy, aged 20, and Lena Bitzer, aged 17, of Doylestown. The one injured was Mrs. Mayme Murphy, wife of Frank Murphy, aged 26. She is suffering from shock and is in a serious condition.

The Murphys resided on the Yost road, less than a quarter of a mile from the scene of the accident. They had just left their home for a ride in their car, intending to come to Norristown.

At the crossing where the tragedy occurred there is a signal bell, but persons who reside in the vicinity state that it has been out of order and, consequently, Murphy who was at the wheel, did not realize that the trolley express was approaching.

The automobile had reached the centre of the tracks when the first car of the double header struck it fairly and dragged it more than 200 yards. When the express was finally brought to a standstill, the machine was under the front wheels of the second car, the first having passed entirely over the auto and several of its occupants, horribly mangled. Murphy, his two sisters and cousin. The automobile was reduced to kindling wood and scrap. The heavy trolley cars were not derailed.

Immediately after the collision, the trolley crew and a number of passengers alighted from the cars and endeavored to extricate the mangled remains from beneath the trolleys, but the only one that could be moved was Mrs. Murphy, and finding that a spark of life still existed, Charles Cloud's auto was pressed into service and the woman was rushed to the hospital. Her principal injuries are to her head.

A passenger on the train said: "I don't know whether the bell at the crossing was ringing. The wind-down of the car were down and we were running rapidly. The sight was horrible. The bodies of the victims were badly mangled. Their clothing was torn from them. I noticed that the shoes and stockings were off of one woman. Their faces were mangled so that recognition was, I should judge, almost impossible—all except Mrs. Murphy, and she seemed to be internally hurt, as well as injured on the head."

## IN MEMORIAM.

In memory of FRANK C. ELIOTT, who died one year ago today, the 19th day of August, 1914.

One year has gone and still we miss you.

Friends may think the wound is healed.

But they little know the sorrow That lies within our hearts concealed.

Days of sadness still come on me:

Tears of sorrow silently flow.

Fond memory keeps my loved one near me.

Though heaven claimed him one year ago.

By His Mother.

For the best oysters go to the Hotel Rammel.

## ECHOES OF THE FRANK CASE.

Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, Wants Former Governor to Keep Out of Georgia.

San Francisco, Aug. 19—J. G. Woodward, mayor of Atlanta, Ga., in an address here Tuesday night declared that Leo M. Frank, who was lynched Monday night, suffered the "just penalty for an unspeakable crime." The Atlanta mayor at the same time warned former Gov. John M. Slaton, now in California, not to return to Georgia.

Mayor Woodward's address was made at a banquet of the California State assessors' associations.

Among other things the Mayor said "There were only two people implicated in the death of Mary Phagan. I know the negro did not commit the deed, and am positive that seventy-five per cent of the people of Georgia are convinced that the man lynched Monday night committed the deed, and they are on the ground and ought to know."

"As mayor of Atlanta, I have received tons and tons of letters and petitions and requests asking that something be done for Frank, and they have all gone in the wastebasket, for, like all Georgia people who are in a position to get at the truth, I know the facts."

"I know Jack Slaton, have known him for thirty years, ever since he was a young man. I have been friends with him, and while I hate to say it, I would not advise him to return to Georgia for a year—if ever."

San Francisco Aug. 19—Former Gov. John M. Slaton, of Georgia, who commuted the death sentence of Leo M. Frank last night issued the following reply to statement of Mayor Woodward, of Atlanta, condoning the lynching of Frank and warning Mr. Slaton not to return to Atlanta for at least a year.

"Similar utterances made before the lynching naturally resulted in subsequent lawlessness. In one breath Mayor Woodward proposes to defend the fair name of Atlanta and Georgia and in the next breath he casts on them the most terrible condemnation."

"Mayor Woodward suggested that I could, not with safety return to Georgia within a year. Such a statement is not only a gross reflection on the State, but it is absurd and ridiculous and it is further stimulation of the mob impulse, coming from an official who should stand in favor of law and order. Is it in accordance with utterances of others who expect to utilize the Frank case for political preferment."

"I was born in Georgia and I love her and her reputation. I shall return there in accordance with my original intentions."

"I think Mayor Woodward's statement is an affront to the people of Georgia, instead of a defense. He is old and garrulous."

## ENGLAND MUST CONSCRIPT

London, Aug. 18—Colonel Arthur Lee, member of Parliament for the Farnham division of Hants, who is home on a short leave, told his constituents at a meeting, yesterday afternoon, that nothing less than compulsory service would solve the difficulties which Great Britain is facing. This conviction, he said, had been burned in by his experiences at the front and was shared by nearly all who had been in contact with the realities of war.

"We need compulsory national service," he continued, because nothing else can solve difficulties with regard to men, money, munitions and exports. We need it to hearten our soldiers serving abroad. The present freedom to shirk and stay home while others give their lives to defend us and to turn a deaf ear to the urgent call of one's country is not what we understand by British freedom."

Colonel Lee said he never wavered in the certainty that Great Britain could win against Germany, "but only if we exert ourselves to the utmost and throw into the scale everything we've got."

"If we don't do that," he added, "we don't deserve to win, and the best we can possibly hope for is a patched up, degrading peace which will be merely the prelude to another war wherein the whole power and pent-up hatred of Germany would be turned upon us alone."

## FRANK'S BODY AT OLD HOME

Sister and Husband Were at Station Awaiting Train

## SCENE IS AFFECTING

Only Few Small Boys Around Brooklyn Residence—Governor Harris Redoubling His Efforts.

New York, Aug. 19—The mutilated body of Leo M. Frank rested early today in a back room of a Brooklyn undertaking establishment, where it was being made presentable as possible before being taken to the home where the father and mother waited.

Some time about noon the parents were expected to have the body of their son home. No word to this effect was given out, but the fact that arrangements were made quietly for the presence of a number of police officers at that time made it seem certain.

No police guard was necessary when the train bringing the corpse reached the Pennsylvania station at 6:25 half an hour late. Aside from dozen officers and as many reporters Frank's sister and her husband, Otto Stern, were the only persons waiting.

The scene between Mrs. Stern and Mrs. Leo Frank, as the two black-gowned women met in the great, almost empty concourse of the station, was affecting. Accompanying Mrs. Frank were two attorneys who had helped defend her husband and two other friends.

The body was placed in a motor conveyance and headed for the Stern home in Brooklyn, so it was announced, for the purpose of forestalling interference or demonstrations at its real destination, the undertaking establishment.

However, the precaution appeared unnecessary since a few small boys formed the only crowd about the Brooklyn home.

Atlanta, Aug. 19—Angered by the bold assertion freely made in Marietta, that Leo M. Frank's lynchers never will be identified, that no Cobb county jury would indict them, even if identified and, in any event, that no court would convict them, Governor Harris is redoubling his efforts today to bring the members of the mob to justice.

Not only has he been impressed by the tone of editorial comment outside of Georgia and by hundreds of letters and telegrams he has received from citizens of other States than his own, but the Georgia newspapers have been almost unanimous in demanding drastic action and the State's leading men, many of them in high official positions, have called on him urgently to do everything possible to punish the lynchers.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

The Potomac Lodge will confer the third degree upon a class of seven candidates tomorrow night.

In the police court this morning William Pye, colored, was held for the action of the grand jury by Justice Caton, on the charge of cutting Henry Ewell, colored, with a knife. The cutting took place on Monday night on Wolfe street, between Columbus and Alfred.

Hard Shell Crabs, Deviled Crabs, and Crab Salad, in our own delicious style. Jacob Reill, foot of King St.

## CHARTER GRANTED

A charter has been granted by the State Corporation Commission to the Belmont Plantation, incorporated of Leesburg, with a maximum and minimum capital of \$200,000. The objects of the company are to purchase, raise and sell livestock. The officers are Edward B. McLean, president; Evelyn McLean, vice-president; and treasurer and William O. Duckstein, secretary.